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Overview

During February 2009, the Northern Command officers worked in the middle of our winter driving and storm season. This month, Northern Command officers handled 213 crashes. An overview of the crashes showed 146 were property damage, 66 were injury, and one was fatal. The total crashes decreased by 47.3% compared to last February. When compared to February of last year, fatal crashes remained the same at one total. As compared to last February our regional commercial vehicle crashes decreased by 12.5% in February 2009 to 14 crashes. In our overall March 2009 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 19 of our total crashes in the Northern Command, which is an 11.8% increase from last year at this time.

The officers in our command arrested 114 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .15%, well over the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 37 years of age. Our officers arrested 210 people on various charges over the month of February. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,021 speeding citations, 569 hazardous moving citations and 296 seat belt citations.

In the area of narcotics enforcement, our Interagency Criminal Enforcement Team (ICE Team) completed another strong month of criminal interdiction. The ICE Team seized 210 pounds of marijuana, 77 tabs of ecstasy and over \$22,000.00 in U.S. currency. This team is a great example of our Northern Nevada law enforcement agencies working together for a safer Nevada.

It is our day-to-day want for officers to bring our law enforcement services to the citizens of Nevada and our visitors. I thank our officers and the assisting agencies in all their efforts to make our communities a safer place to live.

NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

0	Feb 09	Feb 08	% Change	Jan 09	% Change
Total Crashes	213	404	-47.3%	292	-27.1%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	146	315	-53.7%	207	-29.5%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	66	88	-25.0%	83	-20.5%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	19	17	11.8%	19	0.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1	1	0.0%	2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	14	16	-12.5%	4	250.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	10	10	0.0%	3	233.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	4	5	-20.0%	1	300.0%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%

Crash Analysis

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.4%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 8.9%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 0.0%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 6.5%

NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	Feb 09		Feb 08	% Change		Jan 09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	19		17	11.8%		19	0.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	95		91	4.4%		116	-18.1%
Other Arrests	456		417	9.4%		579	-21.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	210		186	12.9%		264	-20.5%
Speed violations	2021		1907	6.0%		2693	-25.0%
Hazardous moving violations	569		621	-8.4%		744	-23.5%
Occupant restraint violations ##	296		327	-9.5%		352	-15.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	5571		4893	13.9%		7132	-21.9%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	31		14	121.4%		15	106.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	14		5	180.0%		17	-17.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	845		463	82.5%		602	40.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	349		131	166.4%		231	51.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2219		1239	79.1%		1730	28.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	72		27	166.7%		84	-14.3%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	121		85	42.4%		62	95.2%
Total school buses inspected	56		136	-58.8%		56	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	86		41	109.8%		86	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	25		513	-95.1%		25	0.0%
Total overweight citations	343		7	4800.0%		343	0.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	294		234	25.6%		198	48.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		2	-200.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Feb 2009	Feb 2008	% Change	Jan 2009	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	359274	384086	-6.5%	320,376	12.1%
CAD Incidents	17349	9571	81.3%	19379	-10.5%
Telephone Calls	17868	19639	-9.0%	15467	15.5%
CAD Logs	195544	75551	158.8%	169429	15.4%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	281	407	-30.95%	385	-27.01%
Arrest Reports Processed	229	150	52.67%	386	-40.67%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	9	12	-25.0%	9	0.00%
Office Accident Reports Taken	6	8	-25.0%	8	-25.0%
Citations Processed	3487	3271	6.60%	3146	10.84%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0	6	-100.0%	3	-100.0%
Visitors at Counter	145	97	49.48%	159	-8.81%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$560.50	\$970.50	-45.25%	\$2,163.00	-74.09%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	575	628	-8.4%	773	-25.6%
Warrants Entered	501	447	12.1%	740	-32.3%
Warrants Cleared	638	614	3.9%	615	3.7%
Warrants Validated	1562	1927	-18.9%	1902	-17.9%
Extradition / Transports	36	23	56.5%	31	16.1%

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.15%
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 37 years old

CONTRACT SERVICES

- Two (2) Contracts using 11.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$781.14

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
389	9	15	0	5

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
64	343	6	0	0	0

Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

The month of February was a busy timeframe for the public information officer. Trooper Allen spent the first week of the month completing his annual training requirements and deferred all of the media calls that week to the area sergeants. One of the busiest events that took place this month was when Trooper Allen was called out to a scene where a driver suspected of being under the influence of alcohol fled in his vehicle and subsequently crashed. After exiting his disabled car, he produced a semi-automatic pistol that essentially resulted in a multiple-hour standoff impacting traffic on one of the ramps connecting Interstate 80 to US 395 after the subject barricaded himself in his vehicle. The release of information about this event was disseminated in a timely manner with continual updates. Although this event happened on a Saturday, it still created a difficulties for some motorists traveling through this area. All three (3) television stations remained on scene for the event while other journalists and radio stations continued to ask for updates.

In other events, we provided traffic safety presentations at two (2) of the area high school driver's education classes focusing on common accident causing contributing factors, traffic stops, traffic laws, and the importance of seat belt usage. Additionally, there were five (5) other traffic crashes in our region where interviews were completed. We continue to provide live traffic interviews on KRNK Channel 4 as well as facilitate with clarifying crash activity as it happens with the other local media outlets.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command Aircraft made 17 flights during the month of February for a total of 31.8 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
5	16.3	51	Speed Enforcement
5	6.8	21	Prisoner Transport in State
2	3.3	10	Personnel Transport
1	2.9	9	Out of State Prisoner Extradition
1	1.2	4	LoJack Operational Test
3	1.3	5	Maintenance

The pilot sat on a hiring board on the 2nd for the NDOT Chief Pilot. Five in State prisoner transports were accomplished over the course of the month. Two personnel assigned to Headquarters were transported to Elko on the 10th in reference to the in-car video installations. A felony prisoner extradition from Stockton, CA. to Reno was conducted on the 27th. Installation of the LoJack stolen vehicle recovery system was completed by Chaparral Avionics at the Minden airport. An operational test on the 25th was successful.

Seven speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month; five were flown. Two were cancelled due to a lack of manpower. A total of 157 enforcement actions were taken. Following is the enforcement breakdown.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	126
Hazardous	11
Non-Hazardous	16
Seat belt	4

During the course of the enforcement missions, 5 motorists were assisted. The high speed for the month occurred on the 18th - a silver Chevrolet HHR was clocked at 96 mph on IR 80 at Wadsworth. Compared to February 2008, flight time is down 15% and activity is down 9%.



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